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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Salesky et al.

Application No.: 08/823,744

Filed: March 25, 1997

For: REAL-TIME MULTI-POINT, MULTI-SPEED, MULTI-STREAM SCALABLE COMPUTER NETWORK

COMMUNICATIONS

Examiner:

W. Vaughn

Art Unit:

2756

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 17 and 34-37 in their entirety without any prejudice.

REMARKS

Election/restriction

Pursuant to the restriction requirement issued by the Examiner, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1, 2 and 23-32 and withdraw claims 17 and 34-37 from further consideration.

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